

MEMORANDUM FOR: Law Enforcement Assistance Administration

ATTENTION : Mr. Charles H. Rogovin  
Administrator

SUBJECT : "Where's What"

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 17 March 1979 concerning the possible declassification and revision of "Where's What," a compendium of sources of information for Federal investigators prepared by CIA.

2. Although the Agency fully appreciates the value of "Where's What" in assisting law enforcement officials to combat organized crime, considerations contingent to the compilation and publication of "Where's What" unfortunately negates the book's declassification and revision.

3. [REDACTED] the author of "Where's What," is no longer an employee of CIA, having retired over a year ago to enter private industry. At the time that [REDACTED] compiled the content data in 1966 he assured contributors that the confidential nature of the information provided would be protected by the classification CONFIDENTIAL thereby guaranteeing an enduring commitment. Further, removal of the CONFIDENTIAL classification would make the comprehensive information contained therein accessible to the opposition.

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4. In line with your thoughts on the value of making the book available to local and state law enforcement officials on a selective basis, we are in agreement and this has been done in the past.

5. The Office of Security retains a permanent listing of these law enforcement organizations which have received copies on a selective basis. Should the names of those organizations receiving such copies of "Where's What" in the past be of assistance to LEAA, this Office will be happy to forward such a listing at your request.

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